

205.470 Centralized resource and referral center for aging caregivers of individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disability.

- (1) As used in this section, "aging caregiver" means an individual age sixty (60) or older who provides care for an individual with mental retardation or other developmental disability.
- (2) If state, federal, or other funds are available, the Kentucky Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services shall, in cooperation with the Division of Aging Services and the Department for Medicaid Services, establish a centralized resource and referral center designed as a one-stop, seamless system to provide aging caregivers with information and assistance with choices and planning for long-term supports for individuals with mental retardation or developmental disability.
- (3) The center created in subsection (2) of this section shall provide but not be limited to the following services:
 - (a) Comprehensive information on available programs and services, including but not limited to:
 1. Residential services;
 2. Employment training;
 3. Supported employment;
 4. Behavioral support;
 5. Respite services;
 6. Adult day health or adult day social services;
 7. Support coordination;
 8. Home or environmental modifications;
 9. Community living services, including an attendant, and assistance with homemaking, shopping, and personal care;
 10. Support groups in the community;
 11. Psychiatric services;
 12. Consumer-directed options;
 13. Attorneys or legal services to assist with will preparation; and
 14. The impact of inheritance on government benefits and options, including establishing a special needs trust;
 - (b) Printed material and Internet-based information related to:
 1. Options for future planning;
 2. Financial and estate planning;
 3. Wills and trusts; and
 4. Advance directives and funeral and burial arrangements; and
 - (c) Referral to community resources.
- (4) The center created in subsection (2) of this section shall operate a toll-free number at least during regular business hours and shall publish information required in

paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of this section and a description of services provided by the center on a cabinet Web site.

- (5) The center created in subsection (2) of this section shall make the information listed in subsection (3) of this section available to the support broker and any representative of an individual who is participating in a Medicaid consumer-directed option.
- (6) The center shall use electronic information technology to track services provided and to follow-up with individuals served and provide additional information or referrals as needed.
- (7) The department may contract with a private entity to provide the services required under subsections (2) and (3) of this section.
- (8) The cabinet may provide services identified in subsection (3) of this section to individuals of any age who are caregivers of individuals with mental retardation or developmental disability.
- (9) Prior to January 1, 2008, the department shall submit a report to the Interim Joint Committee on Health and Welfare that includes but is not limited to the following information:
 - (a) The number of individuals who contacted the center;
 - (b) A description of the categories of questions asked by individuals calling the center; and
 - (c) A summary of the services provided, including the community resources to which individuals were referred.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (7/12/2006). In subsection (1) of this statute, the Reviser of Statutes has substituted the word "or" for the word "and" in the phrase "age sixty (60) and older" to correct a manifest clerical error. See KRS 7.136(1).